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When the Three Bandits disappeared, Tyrone abruptly whirled around from his initial forward charge and shot his hand out.

There was a sudden shift in the void, and the Three Bandits reappeared. Among them, Crixus took a hit from Tyrone on the shoulder, his face as dark as thunder.

“Haha... I’ve seen through those petty tricks of you three ages ago. It’s impossible for you to toy with me with your teleportation abilities!” Tyrone scoffed upon seeing that he had scored a hit.

“It looks like you’ll really regard us as easy prey if we don’t teach you a lesson, huh?” Salazar gestured with his hand. In the next heartbeat, faint light started flickering in mid-air.

A light curtain materialized, followed by a video of Tyrone and the old woman having a roll in the hay playing on it. It made for an appalling sight, and the crowd could not help bursting into laughter.

Seeing that, the old woman flushed bright red in mortification and sprinted away. Tyrone, on the other hand, grew all the more livid. His eyes blazed scarlet. “Stop it! I’m going to rip you into a thousand pieces!”

Just as he went ballistic and was about to attack again, the sky suddenly darkened before the earth shook. Everyone hastily unleashed their spiritual senses, sending them out in all directions to see what was happening. Immediately after, their expressions turned grave.

“Oh no, this is Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks’ territory, and we’ve been discovered!” “There’s a great number of demon beasts, and they’re all heading here.”

“This is bad. Quick, let’s flee! Just why did we crash-land here?” Everyone exclaimed in panic, and some started rushing away in an attempt to beat a hasty retreat.

“Let’s leave quickly, Mr. Chance. Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks are incredibly ruthless, and they dislike the human race. Generally speaking, all humans who trespass on their territory end up getting killed,” Yuven said to Kai with a frown marring his countenance.

“Okay, let’s go!” Kai nodded, then called out to the Three Bandits, and they all fled swiftly. By then, Tyrone could no longer be bothered to pursue the Three Bandits either. He bolted with the old woman instead.

Although over a hundred cultivators were on the airship, and their capabilities were all relatively high, they were divided. Consequently, they took to their heels in all directions in the face of danger.

If they could unite and stand together in resistance, there would be no need to fear the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks.

Alas, no one was organizing and leading them. In the blink of an eye, all the cultivators sprinted off and disappeared from sight.

“Yuven, I remember you saying there’s a heavenly thunder tree in Hawk King Cave, and it bears heavenly thunder fruit?” Kai asked Yuven.

“Yes, that’s indeed true. That aside, heavenly thunder fruit is priceless, a great resource for cultivation!” Yuven replied, bobbing his head. No sooner had he said that than he sensed something amiss. “Why are you asking about that, Mr. Chance? Don’t tell me you want to go and pick heavenly thunder fruit?”

“Since I’m here, I want to try my luck,” Kai admitted. “Don’t take the risk, Mr. Chance! The capabilities of the king of the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks aren’t to be underestimated.

Thunderhawk has already attained the cultivation level of Tribulator, and he’s planning to pull through his tribulation with heavenly thunder fruit. If we go and pick them, he’ll undoubtedly go all out to protect them. If I weren’t poisoned and my strength wasn’t suppressed, I could make an attempt at it. But now, even if we all join hands, we likely can’t withstand a single blow from him,” Yuven dissuaded the man from his course of action.

“Never mind, I’m just going to give it a try. If I fail, I’ll make a break for it. You all leave this place first and find somewhere to hide. When the time comes, we’ll get in touch again,” Kai insisted.

“You’d better not go, Kai. Alchemist Fair is just around the corner now. Why would you take such a risk?”

Viola regarded Kai with worry lining her face. “Don’t worry. I’ll be fine,” Kai assured with a smile.

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Seeing that Kai had made up his mind, Viola did not bother dissuading him further, knowing he never wavered from something he had decided upon.

“We’ll go with you, Mr. Chance. If anything happens, we can back you up,” Crixus offered at once. Their bodily spirit was with Kai. If the man were to perish, the Three Bandits would have no hope of survival. At that time, they would all die together.

It was far better for them to go with him so they could help if he were in danger. Kai swept his gaze over Crixus. Aware of their motivation, he nodded smilingly. “Sure. The three of you can tag along with me.”

He then exchanged a few more words with Viola before parting ways with her. Bringing Yuven with them, Viola and Ghaylen headed out of Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks’ territory according to the direction given by the man.

Kai ventured deeper into Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks’ territory with the Three Bandits. Demon beasts were exceedingly sensitive to auras, Kai took out some charms and attached them to the Three Bandits to help the trio mask their auras.

His goal was to pick heavenly thunder fruit, so it was best to avoid battle. Throughout the journey, they all masked their auras and advanced toward Hawk King Cave continuously.

Every time they traveled a certain distance, Kai would stop and set up an arcane array. The Three Bandits had no idea what arcane array he set up. While they were curious, they did not dare ask him about it.

Along the journey, they also bumped into countless cultivators. Some were dead with only their bones left after having been ravaged by demon beasts, while others were injured and lying under the trees weakly.

At the sight of the injured cultivators, Kai could only offer a soundless prayer for them. He was incapable of saving them. After all, men are selfish. If they were not selfish and could unite, they would not be hunted down by demon beasts.

As Kai led the Three Bandits nearer to Hawk King Cave, another group of men entered Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks' territory on the other side, and they were not the cultivators on the airship.

They consisted of a dozen men, all dressed in gray shirts with the word "Nesser" embroidered on the chest.

In front of these men was a young man in a white shirt. It was none other than Chev, whom Kai had met previously. Behind him was his father, Cameron.

This time, Cameron had led a team to Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks' territory in person to pick heavenly thunder fruit.

Eamon might have resurrected, but his capabilities had yet to recover to the Top Level as they were in the past. At Yael's suggestion, Cameron had come to pick heavenly thunder fruit so the man could recover his capabilities.

If Eamon's capabilities were restored, the Nesser family's status in Ethereal Realm would also rise notably.

"Dad, I heard that Thunderhawk is a Tribulator warrior. We aren't his match at all. That aside, I find things strange after Elder Nesser woke up. His capabilities aren't much higher than mine.. Furthermore, that woman known as Lynette claimed that he was some Inferno Devil's Form a few days ago. Has she lost her mind? She looks like a Demonic Cultivator to me," Chev rambled incessantly.

Cameron frowned and shot his son a glare. "Shut up. I'll cut your tongue off if I hear you speaking ill of Elder Nesser again. Right now, he's the hope of the Nesser family prospering and making a name for itself in Ethereal Realm. Also, you're not allowed to tell anyone about that woman seeking him out!"

Seeing that his father was truly enraged, Chev could only zip his mouth and cease talking. Looking at Chev, Cameron added, "I received news that Thunderhawk has probably gone to Jipsdale to attend the Alchemist Fair. This is the perfect time to steal his heavenly thunder. fruit!"

With that, he rapidly moved toward Hawk King Cave with his men.

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Right then, Kai was already approaching Hawk King Cave with the Three Bandits. He could even sense the immense force of lightning power in the cave that probably came from the heavenly thunder tree. Such force was far more terrifying than the lightning tribulation he had once experienced.

At that moment, his heart was already lodged in his throat. He was merely at Second Level Body Fusion Realm presently. He might not have a chance of survival even if he were to unleash every trick in his arsenal if he were to encounter someone of the cultivation level of Tribulator.

The Three Bandits had also broken into a cold sweat, for they had likewise perceived Thunderhawk's might. It was already difficult for them to deal with the average Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk, so they would likely be dead in the blink of an eye if they were to face Thunderhawk.

Inhaling deeply, Kai again utilized a few charms and concealed their auras before slowly drawing near Hawk King Cave.

He had no idea that Thunderhawk was not in the cave. Even if Thunderhawk was in the cave, masking his aura would be of no use.

A Tribulator cultivator was entirely different from the average cultivator. When it was time to experience tribulation, each step of advancement was arduous and required a great deal of resources in preparation for the final sprint during the process.

There were hardly any cultivators who could pull through during tribulation. Many aspired for it their whole lives yet failed when the time came.

Nonetheless, all cultivators would return to their initial state after the tribulation period and sense their initial strength. Only those who pulled through could be considered true half-immortals.

They merely needed to improve their capabilities bit by bit while awaiting the day of ascension. Then, they would be no different from the average person. As Kai approached Hawk King Cave with the Three Bandits, Cameron was similarly leading the Nessers toward the same place.

In another direction, a number of cultivators were also slowly drawing close to the cave. After all, the heavenly thunder fruit was too great a temptation. It was only natural that some were willing to risk their lives for it.

All of them were closing in on Hawk King Cave in concert. Everyone held their breaths and concealed their auras as much as possible. The instant they arrived at the mouth of the cave, however, they were all stunned. Bumping into each other, they stared at one another.

Kai swept his gaze over everyone, only to find that many were cultivators from the airship. Among them were Tyrone and the old woman. When Tyrone saw that Kai had dared to come to Hawk King Cave with the Three Bandits, fury promptly showed on his face..

Kai swung his gaze in another direction. He was greeted by the sight of a group of strangers, but judging from their clothes, they were probably from a family or sect.

But in the next heartbeat, he fixed his eyes on Chev with a slight frown. He could not shake off the feeling that the man was familiar. He seemed to have seen him somewhere but could not recall it right then.

Chev had also spotted Kai, and he likewise froze for a moment. He studied the latter for a long while. Still, he could not remember the man's identity.

Kai had blended in with the villagers back then, so Chev had not paid much attention to him. "Those people are from the Nesser family, Mr. Chance. How unexpected that they've also come to Hawk King Cave," Crixus whispered to Kai.

Having no recollection of the Nesser family and never having heard of them, Kai paid them little mind.

He was more concerned about Tyrone and the old woman, afraid that Tyrone would snap and attack them. If so, their auras would be completely exposed, and they would be discovered in no time.

"Mr. Stone." While everyone was still dazed after bumping into each other, Cameron slowly walked toward Tyrone and greeted him. It was clear as day that the man recognized Tyrone.

"I never thought you'd also come to Hawk King Cave with your men, Mr. Nesser. Are you here for the heavenly thunder fruit as well?" Tyrone asked.

Flashing him a smile, Cameron drawled airily, "Aren't you also here with so many people for the heavenly thunder fruit, Mr. Stone?"

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“No, you’re wrong, Mr. Nesser. We’re not here by choice.” Tyrone proceeded to tell Cameron about the matter of the airship crashing in detail.

When Cameron heard that Kai was the one who freed the three wyverns, leading to the airship crashing, he couldn’t help scrutinizing the man.

“This kid’s cultivation level doesn’t seem that high, Mr. Stone. Wouldn’t it be a piece of cake for you to kill him?” Wyverns were incredibly precious to Stellaris Sect. As such, it made no sense that Tyrone would let Kai off the hook when the man freed the wyverns.

“I do have plans to kill him. Regretfully, this is Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks’ territory. We bumped into a legion of demon beasts, so we got separated. I never expected him to have such guts to come to Hawk King Cave as well.”

While speaking, Tyrone shot a glare at Kai. “Don’t make a move here, Mr. Stone. If Thunderhawk were alerted to our presence, we’d all be doomed,” Cameron hastily advised.

Naturally, Tyrone knew that as well. Otherwise, he would have made a move as soon as he caught sight of Kai. Kai merely watched the two men without doing anything. Many people were presently there, and they all had their sights set on the heavenly thunder fruit.

He needed to figure out a way to conserve his strength so he could get his hands on the heavenly thunder fruit at the right time.

“Since you came here specifically for the heavenly thunder fruit, Mr. Nesser, you must have made all the preparations. How about you bring your men in to check things out first?” Tyrone proposed to Cameron.

He was aware that the men he had brought with him were cultivators from the airship, and some were merely new acquaintances. Despite their number, they would not be effective in combat.

However, the same could not be said of Cameron. The men he had brought with him were all elites of the Nesser family. Although, there were only a dozen of them, they could act together and obey his orders to the tee.

That was the reason Tyrone asked Cameron to take the lead. If there were any danger, it would fall on the latter first. "Sure!" Cameron agreed readily because he knew that Thunderhawk was likely not in the cave.

At that time, the person to enter the cave first would undoubtedly have a great advantage. Tyrone was visibly surprised by Cameron's brisk agreement. Subsequently, Cameron led those of the Nesser family into the cave slowly.

Tyrone and his men stood guard outside. If there were any signs of danger, they would flee immediately. After all, no one wanted to face Thunderhawk, a Tribulator warrior.

They remained motionless, but Kai led the Three Bandits into the cave with the Nesser family. Frowning slightly, Cameron cast him a look but paid him no mind.

In his opinion, Kai was merely a cultivator at Second Level Body Fusion Realm and posed no threat to them. As Cameron led them all deeper, Kai sensed the might of the lightning power more intensely. Soon, a ray of light flashed past, and everyone was greeted by a sight that sent their hearts racing.

In the center of Hawk King Cave stood a massive heavenly thunder tree. It had lush leaves and thriving branches. Around it zipped infinite bolts of lightning, just like tentacles of jellyfish dancing.

On the tree were ten fist-sized heavenly thunder fruits that shimmered with the glow of lightning.

"Heavenly thunder fruit!" Cameron exclaimed in excitement at the sight of the fruits. At the loud cry, Kai instantly jumped in fright, afraid that it might draw Thunderhawk out.

Fortunately, there was no movement in Hawk King Cave. Relief suffused him. Phew! If he lured Thunderhawk out, none of us would be able to leave this place alive!

"Thunderhawk is indeed not here. Lady luck is simply smiling on me!" Cameron gushed joyfully. It was only after hearing that did Kai understand why the man dared to enter the cave first.

“I’ll go and pick the heavenly thunder fruit, Dad!” Chev offered excitedly with his eyes fixed on the rounded fruits.

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“No, don’t go.” Cameron shook his head, then pointed to a servant of the Nesser family. “You go and pick a heavenly thunder fruit.”

“Understood.” That servant of the Nesser family did not dare defy that order. Despite his fear, he still bit the bullet and approached the heavenly thunder tree slowly.

“What should we do, Mr. Chance? How about the three of us utilize our teleportation ability to pick a few heavenly thunder fruits ahead of them?” Crixus asked Kai. “Don’t do anything rash first. The heavenly thunder fruit is probably not that easy to pick.”

Kai stopped the Three Bandits from proceeding with their course of action. No sooner had he finished saying that than the servant of the Nesser family leaped up and headed straight for a heavenly thunder fruit.

Boom! Just as that servant of the Nesser family drew close to the heavenly thunder fruit, a sudden bolt of lightning struck him hard.

A resounding bang split the air, and his body promptly combusted at the massive lightning strike, leaving no trace of him behind.

Following that sight, Cameron frowned at once. Surprise also showed on the faces of the others present. Such terror struck the Three Bandits that they gulped.

If Kai hadn’t stopped us, we might have been decimated as well!

“Thunderhawk is really cautious. It seems that it wouldn’t be easy to obtain the heavenly thunder fruit,” Cameron remarked, his brows creased. “What should we do, Dad?” Chev asked.

“Don’t worry. I reckoned that such would be the case, so I came prepared!” As Cameron spoke, he took out a bronze mirror from his pocket. One side was smooth, while the other was carved with a few ferocious beasts. “This is the Nesser family’s magical item. It’s known as Beast Mirror. With it, the lightning will be refracted and won’t be able to inflict any harm.” He handed Beast

Mirror to a servant of the Nesser family. “Go and pick a heavenly thunder fruit with this.”

Although that servant of the Nesser family was afraid, he still headed toward the heavenly thunder tree with Beast Mirror in his hand obediently.

Seeing that his colleague had melted into thin air after being struck by a bolt of lightning earlier, he was still afraid inwardly despite having Beast Mirror in his hand. His legs trembled as he approached the tree.

Kai eyed Cameron. Well, well, well... It turns out that he’s made all the preparations, even having a weapon to deal with lightning at the ready

After that servant of the Nesser family drew near to the heavenly thunder tree with Beast Mirror in his hand, he exerted force and leaped up. Then, he shot his hand out at a heavenly thunder fruit.

Rumble! In a flash, a bolt of lightning manifested above the heavenly thunder tree and zapped toward his outstretched hand. At that, he swiftly held up Beast Mirror. The bolt of lightning landed on it and was refracted to the side.

When the bolt of lightning was refracted, a tremendous force hit the cave, causing the entire place to shake even as rocks fell.

Over the moon to see that Beast Mirror was effective, Cameron ordered loudly, “Quick! Lightning can’t hurt you anymore. Hurry up and pick the heavenly thunder fruit!”

That turn of events also had that servant of the Nesser family rejoice inwardly. He reached out to grab the heavenly thunder fruit.

Just when he was about to succeed, there was a sudden strong gust of wind. In the blink of an eye, he was sent plummeting to the ground.

On the heels of that, a massive Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk appeared before them all. Its broad wings generated immense energy each time they flapped.

“I-Is this Thunderhawk?” the Three Bandits exclaimed with surprise written all over their faces. They had never seen Thunderhawk. For that reason, they thought the latter had appeared when they saw such a gigantic Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk.

“This is probably not Thunderhawk. This Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk’s capabilities fall short of the level of Tribulator. At most, it’s at Eighth Level Body Fusion Realm,” Kai answered placidly, his gaze pinned on the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk before him.

Studying the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk that had appeared, Cameron furtively breathed a sigh of relief because he had also perceived that it was not Thunderhawk. Thus, he did not need to fear too much.

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It was clear that Thunderhawk had left this Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk to guard the cave before he left. It only appeared when someone had attempted to steal the heavenly thunder fruit.

The Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk let out a loud shriek, and the Hawk King Cave trembled violently. At the other end of Hawk King Cave, countless Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks swarmed out.

“Damn it!” Kai cursed under his breath before turning to flee the scene. Fighting against the sheer number of Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks in the Hawk King Cave was clearly a bad decision as he couldn’t unleash his strength to the maximum.

When the Three Bandits saw Kai making his escape, they quickly teleported out of the cave. Cameron was shocked to see so many Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks in front of his eyes.

He only regained his composure and led the rest to flee the scene when Chev screamed out loud. Thunderhawk might not be around, but he had obviously made arrangements for the valuable items to be guarded.

Shriek! The piercing shrieks resonated in the sky, and a violent aura burst forth from Hawk King Cave. The Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks flew out of Hawk King Cave.

Tyrone and the others who were waiting outside the cave were dumbfounded at the sight of the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks.

They quickly regained their composure and grabbed their weapons to kill the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks. Some arcane array masters even started setting up arcane arrays to get rid of the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks.

Seeing that, Kai stopped escaping and directed a demonic fire into the arcane array. The flame soared into the sky. With the help of the demonic fire, the arcane array managed to kill the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks.

Thunderhawk wasn't around, but Kai knew that they had to kill all the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks in order to get the heavenly thunder fruit.

The Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk at Eighth Level Body Fusion Realm didn't step out of Hawk King Cave and stood guard beside the heavenly thunder tree.

Bloodthirsty Thunderhawks kept flying out of the cave, and other demon beasts also made their way to the scene from different directions.

In this instant, a cacophony of roars from the beasts and cries from human cultivators echoed ceaselessly throughout the area.

Tyrone might hold a grudge against Kai, but at this moment, they focused on killing the demon beasts and didn't find fault with each other.

Everyone knew that if they couldn't kill these demon beasts, it would be hard for them to leave this place alive.

The carcasses of demon beasts were scattered all over the ground. The demon beasts stood guard at the entrance of the cave to stop Kai and the rest from entering.

However, the demon beasts were clearly weaker. As the fight continued, the number of demon beasts declined. Suddenly, the earth shook, and the massive Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk emerged from the cave. An intense aura radiated from its form.

Fury danced in the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk's eyes. Its feathers gradually took on a reddish hue. After letting out an ear-splitting shriek, the creature headed straight for the crowd. Its terrifying aura sent some cultivators with low cultivation levels flying backward.

If Kai hadn't protected the Three Bandits, they would've been sent flying by the terrifying aura as well. Tyrone's expression turned grim. "A Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk at Eighth Level Body Fusion Realm? Is this Thunderhawk?"

He was no match for a Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk this strong. As a cultivator at Fifth Level Body Fusion Realm, he was merely courting death if he were to go against the Bloodthirsty Thunderhawk.

“This isn’t Thunderhawk. Thunderhawk isn’t this weak,” Cameron said. Tyrone’s face paled when he learned that Thunderhawk was way stronger than this creature.

“Retreat!” Tyrone and the elderly woman retreated immediately as they knew they were no match for this demon beast.